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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ELAB, PINT, NI  
SUBJECT: PHARMACISTS STRIKE

1. DISPENSING ASSISTANTS (PHARMACISTS) IN NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT HEALTH SERVICES (HOSPITALS AND OTHER GOVERNMENT HEALTH CENTERS) WENT ON STRIKE JULY 26 DEMANDING IMPLEMENTATION OF PROMOTION AGREEMENT AND REVISION OF SALARY SCALES PROPOSED TO FEDERAL MINISTRY OF HEALTH ABOUT 18 MONTHS AGO. STRIKE VIOLATES TRADE DISPUTE (ESSENTIAL SERVICES) DECREE NO. 23 OF 1976, WHICH BANS STRIKES IN ESSENTIAL SERVICES, AND IS SECOND MAJOR STRIKE SINCE DECREE ISSUED.

2. NIGERIA UNION OF DISPENSING ASSISTANTS (NUDA), AN AFFILIATE OF NIGERIAN WORKERS' COUNCIL AND ONE OF BANNED LABOR ORGANIZATIONS THAT MAINTAINED TIES WITH BRUSSELS-BASED WORLD CONFEDERATION OF LABOR, CALLED STRIKE. EMBASSY CONTACTS CONFIRMED THAT WORKERS IN HOSPITALS IN  
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LAGOS, IBADAN AND KADUNA ARE ON STRIKE AND UNION OFFICIALS CLAIM THAT WORKERS HAVE WALKED OUT ACROSS NATION.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY ANTICIPATES THAT FMG WILL ACT QUICKLY TO ARREST UNION LEADERS AND ORDER WORKERS BACK TO THEIR JOBS. SINCE UNION WAS AWARE OF THIS DANGER, WE ASSUME THAT MAIN OBJECTIVE OF ACTION IS TO FOCUS ATTENTION

ON MEMBERS' PLIGHT AND BELIEVE IT IS POSSIBLE THAT  
WORKERS MAY RETURN TO WORK AFTER INITIAL GOVERNMENT ACTION.  
AS NATIONAL UNION OF NIGERIA BANK EMPLOYEES WHO STAGED  
STRIKE IN JUNE 1976 HAD ITS CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION  
WITHDRAWN AND LEADERS BANNED FROM FURTHER TRADE UNION  
ACTIVITIES, EVEN THOUGH ITS LEADERS OFFICIALLY DID NOT  
SUPPORT STRIKE, WE ASSUME FMG WILL TAKE SIMILAR  
ACTION AGAINST NUDA.

4. IN MEANTIME, ALREADY POOR SERVICE AVAILABLE IN  
NIGERIAN HOSPITALS IS EXPECTED TO FURTHER DETERIORATE.  
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